

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 5457

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served November 18, 1998

Application of NILE EXPRESS)
TRANSPORT, INC., for a Certificate)
of Authority -- Irregular Route)
Operations)

Case No. AP-98-52

By application filed November 17, 1998, Nile Express Transport, Inc., a District of Columbia corporation, seeks a certificate of authority for irregular route operations in vehicles with a seating capacity of less than 16 persons only, including the driver.

Applicant proposes commencing operations with two vans. Applicant's proposed tariff contains rates for transportation under the DC Medicaid program and for other individual-fare services, as well as hourly rates.

Applicant's balance sheet indicates that applicant's shareholder(s) intend to contribute \$5,000 and assign a van to applicant if the application is approved. To make out a prima facie case of financial fitness, applicant must proffer evidence that it "has secured the financing needed to implement and sustain the proposed service."¹ Accordingly, applicant will be directed to support the balance sheet with legally enforceable stock subscriptions.²

This proceeding is hereby initiated to determine whether applicant is fit and whether the proposed transportation is consistent with the public interest.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That applicant shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, no later than November 30, 1998, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.

2. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than December 21, 1998, an original and four copies of an affidavit that notice has been published as required in the preceding paragraph.

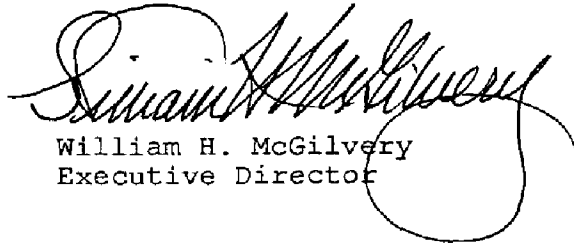
3. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than November 30, 1998, an original and four copies of one or more stock subscriptions supporting the \$9,500 in future contributions noted on applicant's balance sheet.

¹ In re Washington Shuttle, Inc, t/a SuperShuttle, No. AP-96-13, Order No. 4801 (Mar. 28, 1996).

² See id. (ordering same).

4. That the deadline for filing protests, comments, applications for intervention, and requests for formal hearing, is December 21, 1998, and that copies must be served on applicant's president, Gamal El Raida, 1544 9th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20001.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William H. McGilvery", is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

William H. McGilvery
Executive Director